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(*b*) the quantity of 'Neera' supplied in the City by the Special Amelioration Officer and co-operative societies in the City?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) One lorry, one station waggon and three jeeps are used in preventing the transport of illicit liquor in the City.

" (*b*) During the year 1953–54 (i.e., from 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954) 1,655 Madras measures of neera worth Rs. 414 were sold by the palm-gur branch in the exhibitions held in Madras. The Kandamanagar Jaggery Manufacturing Co-operative Society sold 13,585 Madras measures of neera worth Rs. 3,397 in the neera parlour run under the auspices of the society during this period."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கள்ளச் சாராயம் காய்ச்சுபவர்களைப் பிடிப்பதற்காக இருக்கும் போலீஸ் லாரிகளில் துப்பாக்கிகள் பொருத்தப்பட்டிருக்கின்றனவா ? சென்னைக்கு அடுத்துள்ள தண்டையார்பேட்டையிலும், மாதவபுரத்திலும் இதுவரையில் எத்தனை பேர்கள் சுடப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? அதனால் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் இறந்திருக்கிறார்கள் என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் கூற முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" This question has no bearing on the question under discussion."

SRI A. RAMASAMY TEVAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, as summer is fast approaching, most of the Assembly Members are very eager to have neera as before. (Laughter.) Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to open such stalls in front of the Assembly buildings? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will examine the proposition, Sir."

Thekkil-Kolathur road

* 736 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many works sanctioned by Government for the year 1953–54 under the Local Development Works in Kasargode taluk, South Kanara district, have been executed so far;

(*b*) whether the road from Thekkil to Kolathur has been executed; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) None of the seven works including the road from Thekkil to Kolathur has been executed so far. These will be completed during the course of this year.

" (*c*) The detailed estimate for the road work from Thekkil to Kolathur is awaited from the Divisional Engineer (Highways)."

Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" A large number of schemes sanctioned under the National Extension Service and otherwise are not being executed because estimates and plans are not prepared sufficiently early and there is dearth of officials to do this. Will the Government examine this matter and appoint more experts so that the schemes might be speedily executed? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Government have been appointing special engineering staff for expediting the works."

Allowances for election duty

* 737 *Q*.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the teachers of Varanakode Elementary School, Cheruthazham amsam in Chirakkal taluk, Malabar, have not yet been paid their travelling and duty allowance for their work connected with the last general elections; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the delay in payment?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir. The travelling allowance and other allowances due to the teachers of that school have already been paid.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the District Educational Officer, Malabar, issued a circular instructing the teachers of some schools to refund the amount originally paid to them, failing which they would not be paid their salaries? The audit objection was the result of the delay on the part of the Government in paying that money. May I, therefore, request the Hon. Minister to enquire into the matter and see that the teachers get their pay as early as possible? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall certainly look into the matter, Sir.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he is aware that the same thing has been repeated in the case of district board elections also and quite a number of them remain to be paid? "

11–30 a.m. The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought quite a competent and efficient President was in charge of the district board. Hereafter all such things would not happen."

Irrigation cess on lands in Pudukkottai.

* 738 *Q*.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of irrigation cess collected by the Revenue Department of the former Pudukkottai State and remaining unspent on 1st January 1949;